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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the composition and functions of Copyright Enforcement Advisory Councilwith special reference to anti-piracy of films, music, etc. and

(b) the reasons for not setting up National Anti-piracy Umbrella Body?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) The Ministry of Human Resource Development is the nodal Ministry foradministration of the Copyright Act, 1957. The Copyright Enforcement Advisory Council (CEAC) in the Ministry of Human Resource Development is a central levelbody to advice the Government on measures to improve the enforcement of the Copyright Act. The CEAC comprises representatives from the film, music and software fields as also State Police Chiefs and representatives of concernedMinistries. The responsibility of enforcing the Copyright Act rests with the police authorities of the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations. Copyright enforcement cells have been set up in most of the States/Union Territory administrations headed by a senior police officer to deal with such matters.

(b) In view of the existence of a central level body i.e. the Copyright Enforcement Advisory Council, functioning on the basis of the inter-ministerial consultations there appears to be no necessity to constitute another national anti-piracy umbrella body.